

## New York News Letter

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—It is probable that an office unique in the history of American cities will soon be created here—nothing less indeed than that of Superintendent of Municipal Automobiles. The city government has outstripped all competitors in its use of the auto until today it is the possessor of an even hundred self-propelled vehicles "to expediate the administration of municipal matters." The number becomes doubly remarkable because of the fact that the city which now is the largest municipal owner of autos in the country had none at all five years ago. While Father Knickerbocker has thus shown his progressiveness the suspicion has arisen that the all-pervading graft is not entirely absent in this matter. The hundred machines are carried on the city's books at a cost valuation of \$260,030.38, the cars ranging in price from \$500 in the case of the smallest to the rather surprising maximum of \$6500 for the largest. It is not, however, the initial cost which is creating the trouble but the bills for "repairs and depreciation." The city's garage bill now aggregates \$300,000 a year which means that more money is charged annually to the repairs of each machine than its original cost. In addition to this the yearly depreciation is estimated at fifty percent. Altogether Father Knickerbocker is finding his autos a very expensive luxury and since it is believed that much of the expense is pure graft New York may shortly have a Superintendent of its automobiles. Undoubtedly the office would prove unpopular as one of the first duties of its incumbent would be to stop the use for private purposes of the city's machines.

peace unhappy, yet this choice seems more than a probability. To the average patient, it has seemed of little moment by whom he was cured so long as he was cured. But now, the state judiciary is likely to step in with a dictum to the effect that one can only be cured within certain specified limits. This jurisdiction, however, will have to do not with the process of curing but the practitioner. Sick people it would seem may be cured by an individual but not by a corporation. This has nothing to do with the corporation as such. Instead it has only this curious complication, that while two or twenty doctors may practice their profession co-operatively and legally, such practice and co-operation becomes entirely illegal if the doctors for purely business reasons decide to incorporate. In other words, the courts are not concerned with the methods of the doctors, since they might be the same before and after incorporation, but are only concerned with the business end. As a consequence the patient in New York is as likely to die through the agreement of courts as disagreements between doctors. The point has been brought into prominence through an incorporation of doctors who propose to minister to certain classes for the sum of one dollar a year. With the intervention of the courts, however, the situation has become interesting, and it remains to be determined whether a sick man has a right to get well anyway or only as the courts prescribe.

Whether it is better to die legally or to be cured illegally is a curious question which is soon to be decided by the courts of this state. To be cured illegally and then sued seems only one stage better than to die in

next meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs. As a result New York is in a fair way to be the first municipality in other words the lady policeman. That the arrival of the female bluecoat is no dream is shown by the fervid resolutions in her favor by the Women's Democratic Club, which in the city where Tammany is chief are not to be despised. These resolutions hold that it is high time that the lady policeman be made a part of the city's police force, although it is not proposed to clothe this first female minion of the law in the habiliments of her male brother officer. It is asserted, however, that the terror which the cop inspires in the breasts of juvenile offenders would in the case of the "copsess" be overcome by a feeling of affection. It is argued that the female bluecoat could attract youthful malefactors who fled from the present officers of the law.

One startling argument which has been added to the thousands for which New York is responsible in the death of the "Colonel," an aged southerner who for years has been a well known though unknown figure in the Bowery. In the famous bread lines in that district where the poor are furnished bread and coffee the "colonel" for more than three decades has been noted for his pathetic sacrifices in assisting the needy. In all his long and charitable career, however, his identity has never been revealed. Not even a guess has ever been made as to who he was. He appeared about thirty years ago not long after the close of the war and while always needy immediately achieved attention on the east side because of the sacrifices which he made. When the famous Fleischman's bread line started he was one of its first patrons. But while he was always the first at the window to receive his piece of bread and mug of coffee it was early noted that he always gave away the food which he received, a practice which he continued to his death. Moreover, however needy his condition, this mysterious colonel had always a few nickels and dimes to distribute among his equally needy companions. His gifts were generally accompanied by helpful advice and the moment before his death he was engaged in explaining to other members of the bread line how to obtain shoes for the cold weather. It was while waiting in the bread line that he dropped dead. Nothing could be found to throw any light on his identity and there seems to be no solution of the famous mystery. His brothers in need whom he has so often aided are attempting to collect a fund for a fitting burial.

With the office-boy problem increasing in seriousness every year, and now a close second to the servant problem, New York is about to have a long-felt need supplied in the shape of a unique school—nothing less indeed than a training school for office boys. The novel undertaking while it is a work of the Children's Aid Society is not entirely philanthropic, since the walls which business men have let loose of late over their inability to obtain office boys with the intelligence of even a fence-post, has awakened a sleeping genius to the possibilities of teaching the young idea how to act as office boy. In the new school which is believed to be the first of its kind in the country future presidents will be taken from the streets and instructed in such complicated matters as the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic. They will also be set on the path toward commercial success by instruction in the system of licking stamps, filling and copying letters and looking up trains on timetables. The first thing, which a youngster will be taught, however, is to do just what he is told to do. There will also be classes in the geography of New York City and its transportation facilities, telephoning and the keeping of simple accounts. The course will be conducted at night and will last twenty-one weeks.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Kenosha, Wis., says:  
The body of John Gillett, formerly probably the best known man in Kenosha and a son of the late Judge Guedin Gillett, who disappeared here January 14, 1907, was found in the Kenosha river yesterday. It is evident Gillett walked into the river on the night of his disappearance and was caught in the refuse at the bottom of the stream and held there. The river is filled with tar from the gas works and with acids from a large tannery and these served as a preserving fluid to such an extent that notwithstanding the fact that the body had been in the water for nearly two years, it was still possible to recognize the features.

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